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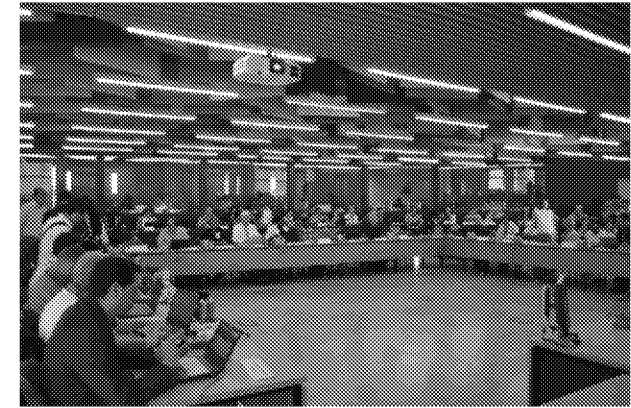
Briefing on the 16th meeting of the POPs Review Committee

Webinar

10 and 12 November 2020

POPs Review Committee (POPRC)

- POPRC is a subsidiary body under the Convention mandated to:
 - Review chemicals proposed for listing in Annexes A, B, and/or C to the Convention, according to the process set out in Article 8, with information requirements and criteria in Annexes D, E and F to the Convention
 - Make recommendations to the COP
 - Undertake other technical work, as assigned to it by the COP
- Composed of 31 government-designated experts from 5 UN regions
- POPRC meetings are open to observers:
 - Parties to the Stockholm Convention
 - Observers to the Convention's COP meetings



POPRC-16

- Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, as an exceptional measure, the entire meeting, including plenary sessions, pre-meetings and contact group meetings will be conducted **online**
- Interim Chair: Mr. Peter Dawson (New Zealand)
- **POPRC-16: 11-16 January 2021, from 12 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. (UTC +1)**
 - Two 2 hours sessions with 30 min break
- **Pre-meetings: 1 to 3 December 2020, from 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (UTC+1)**
- POPRC operates in 6 UN languages:
 - All plenary sessions with simultaneous interpretation
 - Contact groups sessions and pre-meetings in English only
- www.pops.int/poprc16



Key documents

- Provisional agenda: UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/1
- Annotated agenda: UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/1/Add.1
- Scenario note: UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/INF/1/Rev.1
- Tentative schedule: UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/INF/2/Rev.1



Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - b) Organization of work.
3. Rotation of the membership.
4. Technical work:
 - a) Consideration of draft risk profiles:
 - (i) Dechlorane Plus and its syn-isomer and anti-isomer;
 - (ii) Methoxychlor.
 - b) Consideration of a proposal for the inclusion of UV-328 in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention;
 - c) Review of information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether and short-chain chlorinated paraffins;
 - d) Evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;
 - e) Indicative list of substances covered by the listing of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds.
5. Report on activities to support effective participation in the work of the Committee.
6. Workplan for the intersessional period between the 16th and 17th meetings of the Committee.
7. Venue and date of the seventeenth meeting of the Committee.
8. Other matters.
9. Adoption of the report.
10. Closure of the meeting.





Consideration of a draft risk profile on Dechlorane Plus and its syn-isomer and anti-isomer

- POPRC-15 decided that the proposal by Norway fulfilled the screening criteria in Annex D and established an intersessional working group to prepare a draft risk profile
- POPRC-16 to consider the draft risk profile on Dechlorane Plus and its syn-isomer and anti-isomer:
 - Draft risk profile (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/2)
 - Additional information on the draft risk profile (INF/14)
 - Comments and responses relating to the draft risk profile (INF/4)
- POPRC-16 may:
 - Adopt, with any amendments, the risk profile, and decide whether the chemicals are POPs that global action is warranted
 - Establish an intersessional working group to prepare a draft risk management evaluation and invite Parties and observers to submit Annex F information on socio economic consideration on possible control measures

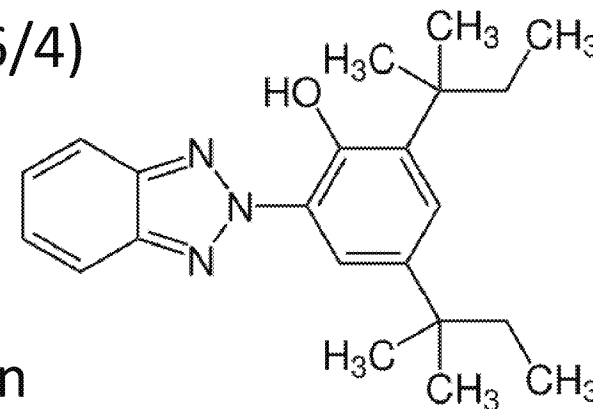
Consideration of a draft risk profile on methoxychlor

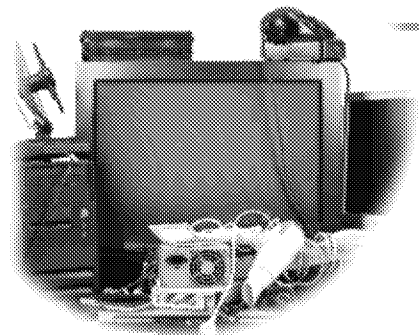
- POPRC-15 decided that the proposal by the EU fulfilled the screening criteria in Annex D and established an intersessional working group to prepare a draft risk profile
- POPRC-16 to consider the draft risk profile on methoxychlor
 - Draft risk profile (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/3)
 - Comments and responses relating to the draft risk profile (INF/5)
- POPRC-16 may:
 - Adopt, with any amendments, the risk profile, and decide whether the chemical is a POPs that global action is warranted
 - Establish an intersessional working group to prepare a draft risk management evaluation and invite Parties and observers to submit Annex F on socio economic consideration on possible control measures



Proposal for listing a new chemical: UV-328

- Consideration of a proposal for the listing of **UV-328** in Annex A
 - Proposal submitted by Switzerland (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/4)
 - Verification of whether the proposal contains Annex D information (INF/6/Rev.1)
- POPRC-16 may:
 - Decide whether the proposal fulfils the screening criteria in Annex D
 - Decide to develop and agree on a workplan for preparing a draft risk profile in accordance with Annex E
- **UV-328** is a UV absorber in many products. UV-328 is used as a printing ink additive in food contact materials. It is a UV filter that is used as an antioxidant for plastics. UV-328 is a light stabilizer for a variety of plastics and other organic substrates





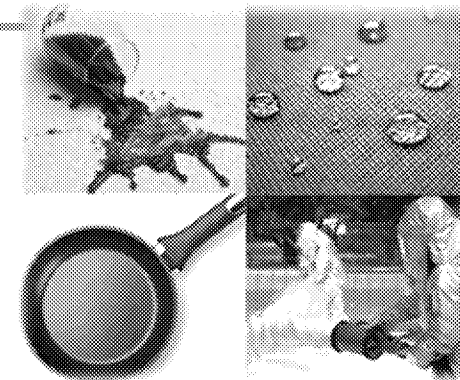
Other agenda items

- Review of information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether and short-chain chlorinated paraffins (in accordance with decisions SC-8/13 and SC-8/14):
 - POPRC-15 established intersessional working groups on the review of information related to specific exemptions for decaBDE and SCCP
 - Draft reports on the review of information related to specific exemptions for decaBDE and SCCP in INF/7 and INF/8
 - Comments and responses relating to those drafts in INF/9 and INF/10
 - POPRC-16 to complete the reports for consideration by COP-10
- Evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A:
 - COP-6 adopted a process for the evaluation and review of BDEs; 1st Evaluation and review at COP-8 and every second COP thereafter (next review at COP-10)
 - Secretariat to prepare a report, with input from POPRC, for consideration by the COP
 - POPRC-16 to review and provide comments on the draft report prepared by the Secretariat (INF/11); Secretariat to finalize report on the evaluation for consideration by COP-10



Other agenda items (cont.)

- Indicative list of substances covered by the listing of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds:
 - COP-9 listed PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds in Annex A with specific exemptions (SC-9/12), and invited Parties and others to provide further information regarding the identification of substances covered by the listing (SC-9/13)
 - COP-9 requested the Secretariat to compile, in consultation with POPRC, the information submitted and to establish an indicative list of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds
 - Compilation of the information submitted by Parties and others (INF/12)
 - POPRC-16 to review the information submitted and provide comments on the establishment of an indicative list of PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds
- Rotation of the membership: 14 newly nominated members started their terms in May 2020
- Report of activities for effective participation in the work of the Committee
- Workplan for the intersessional period



Participation in POPRC-16

- Registration for POPRC members and observers is required, incl. pre-meetings
- The deadline for registrations is **16 November for members and 18 November** for observers
- Confirmation letters will be sent out by mid November 2020
- Exceptional support for the reimbursement of communication costs to assist eligible members from developing countries and countries with economies in transition to participate in POPRC-16. Details about the modalities for reimbursement of communication costs will be available in confirmation letters
- For registration, please contact the Secretariat: stephanie.cadet@brsmeas.org

Tentative schedule of POPRC-16

	<i>Monday²</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>12–2 p.m. (UTC+1)</i>	<p>Item 1: Opening of the meeting.</p> <p>Item 2: Organizational matters:</p> <p>(a) Adoption of the agenda;</p> <p>(b) Organization of work.</p> <p>Item 3: Rotation of the membership.</p> <p>Item 4: Technical work:</p> <p>(b) Consideration of a proposal for the inclusion of UV-328 in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention.</p>	<p>Item 4: (continued)</p> <p>(c) Review of information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether and short-chain chlorinated paraffins.</p> <p>(a) Consideration of draft risk profiles:</p> <p>(i) Dechlorane Plus and its syn-isomer and anti-isomer;</p> <p>(ii) Methoxychlor.</p>	<p>Item 4: (continued)</p> <p>(d) Evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;</p> <p>(e) Indicative list of substances covered by the listing of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds.</p>	<p>Item 5: Report on activities to support effective participation in the work of the Committee.</p> <p>Consideration of results of contact groups, including draft decisions</p>	Contact group (English only)	<p>Consideration of results of contact groups, including draft decisions</p> <p>Item 6: Workplan for the intersessional period between the sixteenth and seventeenth meetings of the Committee.</p> <p>Item 7: Venue and date of the seventeenth meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>Item 8: Other matters.</p>
<i>2–2.30 p.m. (UTC+1)</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>
<i>2.30–4.30 p.m. (UTC+1)</i>	Contact group (English only)	Contact group (English only)	Contact group (English only)	Contact group (English only)	Contact group (English only)	<p>Item 9: Adoption of the report.</p> <p>Item 10: Closure of the meeting.</p>

Pre-meetings

- Pre-meetings from 1 to 3 December 2020 in English only, from 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (UTC+1)
- Provide an early opportunity to introduce and discuss the technical work with the aim of facilitating the work of POPRC-16
- Participants are encouraged to actively participate in the pre-meetings so as to ensure a full and rich exchange
- Active participation will contribute to the efficient use of the time available during POPRC-16; comments and inputs will be made available to POPRC-16
- Further information on the pre-meetings available at:
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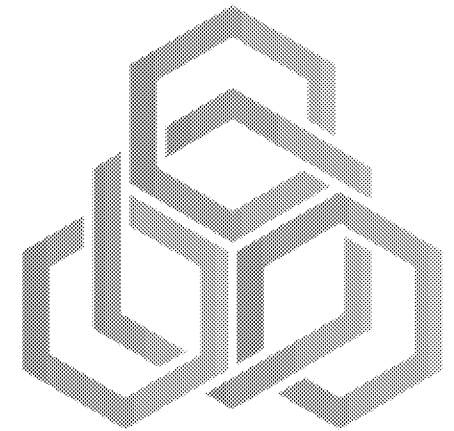
Information for participants

- **Intranet site:** username and password to a password-protected intranet site will be provided to all registered participants by email prior to the pre-meetings (also valid for POPRC-16)
 - Intranet site will contain pre-session documents, in-session documents, draft meeting report, information on the daily schedule, etc.
- **POPRC-16**, including pre-meetings, conducted via **Interprefy**: link available through the intranet page
 - Instructions and guidance on how to participate in the Interprefy sessions will be sent out by email ahead of the meeting
 - Test sessions to ensure participants are technically ready to connect to the Interprefy system to be held in end November, December, and in January 2021 (exact dates will be communicated shortly)
 - Google Chrome/Mozilla Firefox/ Edge browsers required
 - Headsets are advisable for clearer audio

Information for participants (cont.)

- **Important email addresses and telephone numbers:**
 - Technical support during the online sessions:
 - Email: ITsupport@brsmeas.org
 - Telephone: +41 22 917 8229 or +41 79 203 7614
 - Private chat box

Thank you



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